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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I hope this message finds all of you cool and dry and adding lots of new tokens to your collections.

If you attended the last CARTS meeting you may have heard that the planned joint meeting of CARTS and SETS has been approved by both organizations and plans have been finalized. The meeting will be held at the **Super 8 Motel in Villa Rica, Georgia on Saturday, November 13th**. The Super 8 has a meeting room on the second floor and the meeting will begin at 9am. We will have ample time for swapping and selling that morning, with a short program on some aspect of South Carolina tokens or medals at noon by yours truly.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Super 8 for the very reasonable rate of \$51.99 for the Friday night before the meeting. I have stayed at this establishment and it is OK, but don't expect the Hilton. The room was clean, but the furniture was not brand new. There is a free continental breakfast included in the room rate, but the fare is light. (No bacon and eggs.) For those taking their wives you may want a better room and there is a Best Western immediately next door which seems to be a nicer place. Reservations at the Super 8 must be made at least one week prior to the date of the show. Cancellations must be made 48 hours in advance. The phone number for the motel is 770-459-8000 and mention TOKEN SOCIETY to get the special rates.

The motel is located at 128 Hwy 61 Connector, Villa Rica, GA, 30180. You may email them at the following: super8villarica@mindspring.com. See above for the phone number. The motel is located immediately off of exit 24 of I-20 about 18 miles west of downtown Atlanta. If you are traveling from North or South Carolina, turn right off the exit ramp and look immediately to your right. The Super 8 is located immediately behind the Krystal and the Kentucky Fried Chicken / Taco Bell. For those arriving on Friday night, I have tentatively planned a dinner excursion to the local O'Charley's restaurant located at that same exit.

I hope we have a good turnout from CARTS at this meeting. There were over 20 members at the SETS meeting which I attended recently, but I don't expect that many to show up in Georgia. It would be nice to have more than 5 or 6 CARTS members in Villa Rica. See you then.

Regards,
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Comments, suggestions, reactions, (maybe even) criticism, will be gratefully accepted. Let us know!
Articles, New Finds, Announcements, and Classifieds to Don Bailey only! Dues to Bob King only!

WANTED

**ALL TOKENS AND INFORMATION REGARDING
CHAS PICK, GEO. KUEHL, GEO. KUEHL & BRO, AND
L. BOCHE.**

**ALSO LOOKING FOR PARKING TOKENS FROM ALL
STATES; TRANSIT AND CARWASH FROM
COLORADO; AS WELL AS ALL EXONUMIA FROM
BOONE, IA; AMES, IA; MADRID, IA; VISALIA, CA AND
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO.**

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NORTH CAROLINA NEW FINDS

Bob King



**CITY CAFÉ CO. / (HOLE-AS MADE) /
BURLINGTON, N.C. // GOOD FOR / 5¢ / CIGAR –
RD BR 22 Rare**

The new find is above is important because it is the first planchet of its kind found in North Carolina to my knowledge. Notice the "as made punched center hole". I wouldn't have considered buying this token if it was a maverick. I would have thought it to be from Oklahoma. Now as luck would have it, I have a maverick with an identical

planchet and it was issued by the Hotel Shelby. I have found Shelby Hotel in Shelby, NC at the correct time frame. Could it be Shelby, NC or is it from one of the other nine Shelby's listed on maps?

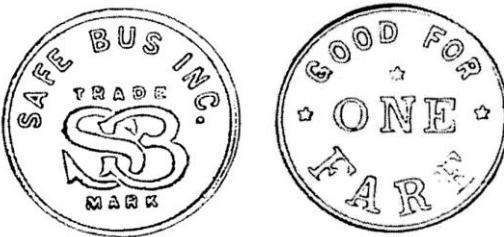


**C.E. HOLTON / UNDER / McADOO HOUSE /
DRUG STORE / GREENSBORO, N.C. // GOOD
FOR / 5¢ / AT SODA FOUNTAIN – RD AL 25**

And this next token, from C. E. Holton in Greensboro, is one of the earliest aluminum tokens one will see. Holton was in the drug business from 1889 through 1901.

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John Coffee, Editor.*

TOKEN OF THE MONTH: NC 980 C



Winston-Salem was famous as the home of R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., makers of Camel Cigarettes among other things. I first visited the city in December, 1938, at age 10 when my parents and I were driving across the country from Tacoma to Washington DC in our 1938 Packard. The streetcar system was operated by Duke Power Co., but its trolley lines were concentrated in the white part of town back in those days of enforced residential segregation.

R. J. Reynolds built a bus line (see NC 980 A,B) to transport workers from the town to his estate "Reynolda", but what about the African American citizens who worked at the Reynolds factory but had no public transportation from their part of town to the factory? In 1914 a construction contractor for Reynolds, Mr. E. E. Richardson, was forced to convert his Model T into a jitney in order to get his employees to work on time. This jitney "was the first mode of flexible public transportation for residents of East Winston [the African American part of town]." Just then jitneys were becoming popular all over America, and by 1926 in Winston-Salem there were "at least 22 African American men operating 35 jitneys in a cutthroat and very unsafe fashion." Fights ensued among jitney operators. Finally the Mayor threatened to drive them all out of business "if they did not work together in an orderly fashion." A group of jitney operators met on April 24, 1926, with 21 [out of 35 jitney operators in the city] men present. Of these, 13 agreed to unite and form a single company. Thus was born Safe Bus Inc. The

new company's buses (nearly all antiquated) hit the streets June 1, 1926. Fare was a nickel, and I suspect that NC 980 C came into use just about then.

Because Safe Bus served an area of high density population, mostly people who could not afford automobiles, with short routes, it made money. Indeed, it survived the Great Depression without losing money. On the other hand Duke Power was serving a larger area with longer routes, with high cost streetcars. So it lost money. Duke Power abandoned streetcars in Winston-Salem in December 1936, but continued with buses. Duke continued to lose money. Safe Bus continued to make money.

In May 1955 Duke Power "was released from its franchise to provide public transportation" in Winston-Salem. It was succeeded by Winston-Salem City Coach Lines Inc. City Coach owned 38 buses, most of which were over 16 years old. Safe Bus continued to operate, entirely with African American ownership, with 27 buses whose average age was only 6 years. City Coach began to lose money almost immediately and went out of business in 1968 after a prolonged strike. In November 1968 Safe Bus became the sole bus system in Winston-Salem, taking over the routes of the now defunct City Coach. Forced to operate money-losing routes, Safe Bus began to lose money. In 1972 the city of Winston-Salem bought out Safe Bus, so its life span was from 1926 to 1972. The new bus system has been operated by the Winston Salem Transit Authority (see NC 980 J).

Safe Bus was not collector friendly, and collectors who wrote for tokens usually had their money returned with no tokens. In addition to the nickel-sized 980 C, Safe Bus issued a 16 mm token in 1949 (980 D) probably for a fare increase. Safe Bus received considerable national publicity because it was the largest bus system owned and operated entirely by African Americans, and it made money when the all-white Duke Power and its successor City Coach, didn't.

SOURCES:

- Wikipedia
- Ebony Magazine

HENRY RIVER TOKENS: NEW FINDINGS

Lamar Bland

The Henry River Manufacturing Company was founded in 1905 near Hickory, North Carolina. Like many cotton mills in the south, it had company houses, a company store, and a rich community life – all beside the Henry River which provided water power for the village's electricity. Today many of the original 35 to 40 buildings survive, though the mill ceased operating in 1973, and the mill itself burned in 1977. Unlike other southern mill villages, however, the Henry River structures are not being restored. Their deteriorating condition is visible in photographs posted on-line, or they can be seen in their “ghost town” ambiance by making a short detour off Interstate 40 at the Hildebran/Henry River exit.



A Worker's House



Owner's House

I made such a detour early in June and photographed the two houses above. The smaller

one would have housed a worker's family, while the larger one most likely was one of the four houses built for mill owners' use. The posted signs which are visible throughout the village indicate that the property is now privately owned. Its 70 plus acres are for sale.

Since the mill itself no longer survives, the central remaining structure is the company store, pictured below. Internet postings indicate that it hosted school and church activity at various times, as well as being the location for mill business.



The Company Store

Mill owners would have paid their workers here, and that payment included tokens for buying goods from the store. This practice began as early as 1911, when the company ordered tokens from the Ingle System in Dayton, Ohio. All we know about that first order was that it was for a 1 cent token, this exchange documented by Lloyd Wagaman in his “Checklist of Ingle System Scrip” (1987) and in John Byars' private listing of Ingle System tokens. No other entry for Henry River Manufacturing Company tokens is known from Ingle System documents through to 1919.

Ingle coinage continued after 1919, but under a different company — Ingle-Schierloh, also in

Dayton. Their business operated until the 1950's. Copies of their ledgers exist, and I am grateful to John Byars and David Schenkman for sharing their unpublished information about other Henry River tokens.



The first known Ingle-Schierloh tokens were ordered by the mill in July, 1937, in brass 5 and 10 denominations. Four hundred of the 5's, and one

hundred of the 10's were minted. One of the 5's is pictured in the photographs above.

More tokens were ordered in 1942 – in denominations of 5, 10, and 25. One thousand of the 5's; five hundred of the 10's; and one hundred of the 25's were minted-all in zinc.

These ledger records show that mill management made particular use of tokens during the Depression and World War II. Yet all Henry River varieties, from 1911 to 1942 are rarely seen or offered for sale today. Corrosion could account for the scarcity of the zinc tokens. Also, management ordered few 10's and 25's.

In time, other orders may become known, and other tokens may surface. But the "5" pictured above is, to my knowledge, the only Henry River token to be photographed for publication.

NOT ALL TOKENS SAY "GOOD FOR"

Don Bailey

In the last issue I wrote about an item that appeared to be a transportation token but wasn't. Now look at the item below. Is this a token? Surely not, it's just a medal.



NATIONAL / (wild turkey against a map of North America) / WILD TURKEY FEDERATION // (blank)
R, Wm, 32mm.

But surprise! The "medal" is good for \$5.00 in trade at a couple of stores in Edgefield, SC.

The National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) was established in 1973. At that time there were only 1.3 million wild turkeys in North America. Today that number stands at more than 7 million, thanks in part at least to the efforts of the NWTF. The NWTF headquarters and museum are located at 770 Augusta Rd. along Highway 25 in Edgefield, S.C. Admission to the museum is \$5.00 for adults, but with each paid admission one is given one of the tokens shown above, and the token is redeemable for \$5.00 in merchandise at the Turkey Shop located inside the museum and at a second Turkey Shop on Main Street in downtown Edgefield.

For those who might be interested, Edgefield is a very pleasant small town and the NWTF museum is open Monday thru Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM and Saturday from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. However, the museum is closed on national holidays.

New Finds from S.C.

Tony Chibbaro

In this column I like to highlight recent finds of newly discovered tokens issued by merchants who were not previously known to have used tokens. Unfortunately this installment needed to be penned at a time when those new finds are at a standstill. Therefore, I had to delve back into last year's purchases to come up with two tokens for this issue of the newsletter.



The first token, illustrated above, came my way courtesy of a fellow CARTS member back in June of 2009. It is a 19mm aluminum token issued by N.M. Palles of Laurens, SC. A search of relevant business directories revealed that Palles ran a confectionery and fruit store in Laurens from 1908 through 1919. In 1913, the firm was known as Palles & Palles and was shown as a branch of a Florence, SC headquarters. The business in Florence was also listed as the *Florence Candy Kitchen* and 1913 was the only year that listed such a partnership. N.M. Palles was last listed by name in 1919, but directories for 1920 and 1921 show a business by the name of *Palace of Sweets*. This name may have been a pun on the last name of Palles, as Palace and Palles are pronounced exactly the same (homonyms).

Census records do not show N.M. Palles in Laurens in 1910 but do show him in 1920 in Florence. His full name was Nick M. Palles, and he gave census workers an age of 35 years

and a birthplace of Greece. Peter Palles, presumably his brother, was listed in the 1910 census as residing also in Florence. He was 33 years old, of Greek origin, and was listed as a candy manufacturer. He was undoubtedly the other Palles in the firm of Palles & Palles. No further information was discovered on either Palles in Laurens or Florence after 1920.



The second token (see above) was obtained in the spring of 2009 from a fellow collector from Delaware. He had purchased it in a collection of tokens and I was able to make a trade with him that enriched both of our collections. The token (24mm, aluminum) was issued by the Horne Motor Company of Beaufort, SC. This company was first encountered in business directories in 1926, as selling and servicing automobiles. In 1930 the company also operated a gas station in addition to its sales & service business. The token was (good for) 5 gallons of gasoline and probably dates from the 1930s. The company was long-lived and was still in business in 1958, which is the last year for which I have a business directory. I especially like the wording on the token "Watch the Fords Go By." This is the only token that I know of which features this terminology. Apparently this phrase was featured in company sponsored advertising from 1907 to the early 1940s. Illustrated below is an interesting Ford advertising poster from the 1930s in fine Art Deco style.



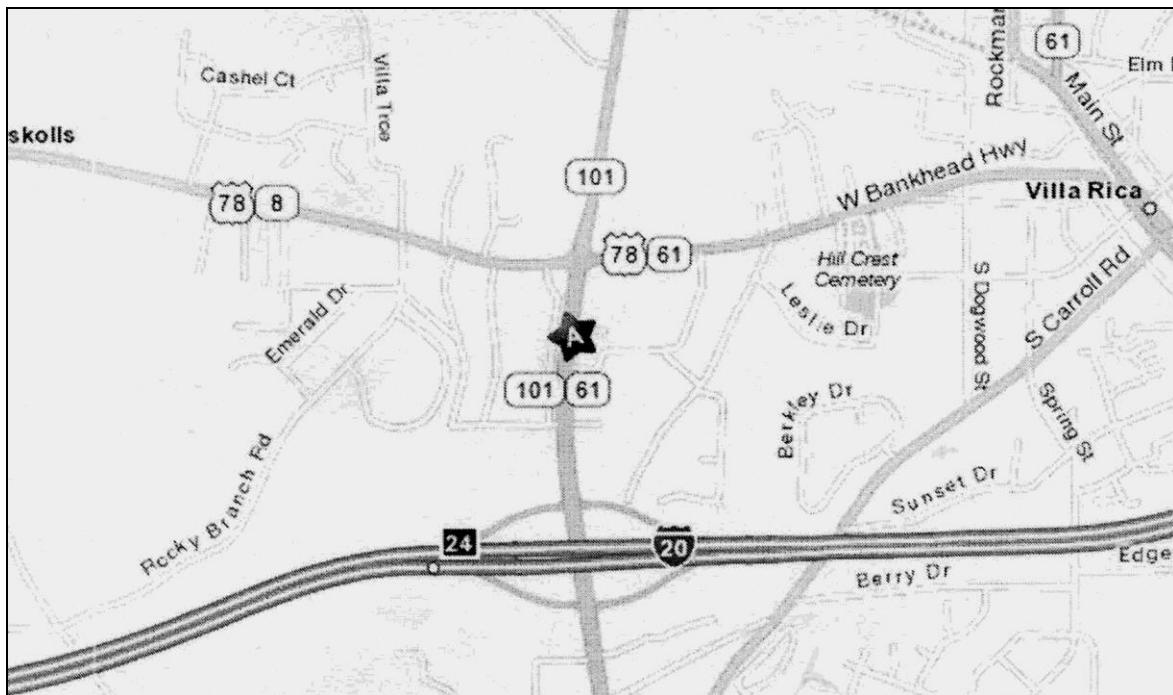
WHAT'S HAPPENING

The spring meeting of CARTS was held in Clemmons, NC on April 24. There were nine members present, and three spouses put in appearances for part of the meeting. There was lots of trading, buying and selling, along with lots of token talk. Does it get any better? If you weren't there you missed a good one!

Bob King reported that, as of April 24, 31 members had paid dues for 2010. Two members had paid in advance for 2011 and hence \$330 had been collected in dues. The bank account on that date showed a balance of \$776.83.

Tony Chibbaro reported that the joint fall meeting with SETS had been approved by the SETS board. Hence **our next meeting will be on November 13 in Villa Rica, GA**. Details are in the President's report and a map of the immediate area is below. **Make your reservations and mark your calendar.** If you want Carolina tokens, there is simply no better place to find them than CARTS meetings. And the SETS folk should bring in some great stuff for this meeting.

MAP SHOWING THE LOCATION OF SUPER 8 IN VILLA RICA, GA



CLASSIFIED ADS

WANTED

I WANT TOKENS FROM ANY PEANUT COMPANY – Planters, Columbian, Spanish National, what have you – from NC, VA, anywhere. Don Bailey, PO Box 1272, Etowah NC 28729, ELADON@MORRISBB.NET.

WANTED: BETTER SOUTH CAROLINA EXONUMIA. Will buy, sell, or trade. I have lots of good trading material. Check out my website at: www.angelfire.com/sc/sctokens or email me at: chibbaro@mindspring.com. Tony Chibbaro, PO Box 420, Prosperity, SC 29127 (803-252-1881).

WANTED: NEWS ITEMS, NEW FINDS, ARTICLES, LETTERS TO THE EDITOR and any other items for *NEWCARTSS*.

FOR TRADE

FOR TRADE: GAFFNEY LIMESTONE MILLS STORE \$ 1. ORCO, STRONG VF. THE ERROR VARIETY, WITH GAFFNEY IN N.C. Will trade for comparably valued NC mill, or NC Ingle, item(s). Lamar Bland: blandl@elon.edu. 919-383-6514.

FOR SALE

118 DIFFERENT SC FOOD STAMP TOKEN SETS. Sets contain 1-5 tokens. Most contain 4-5. Hundreds of tokens, attributed to city. B/O! I want to give the Carolina collector a chance before this nice collection gets split up for ever on EBAY. Steven Kawalec, Box 4281 Clifton, NJ 07012, owlprowler@aol.com.

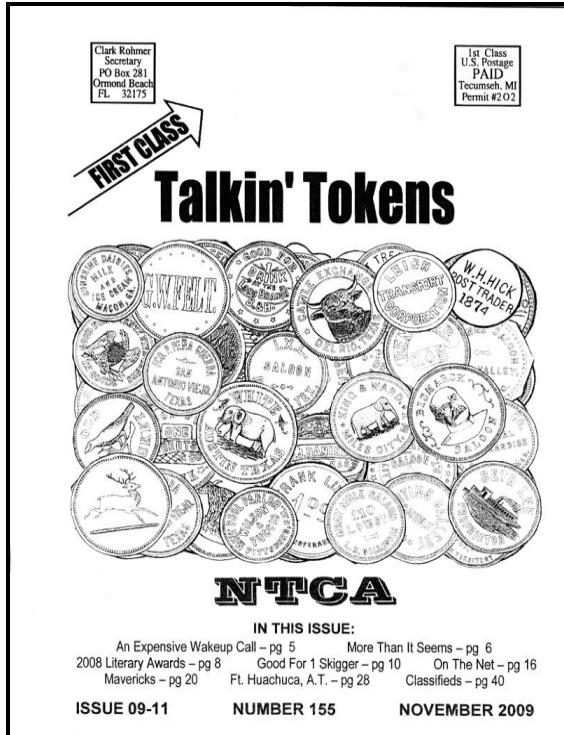
FINALLY, HERE IS A PRESS RELEASE FROM ONE OF OUR SISTER ORGANIZATIONS

NTCA New Membership Options

The National Token Collectors Association (NTCA) is announcing a new youth program effective immediately. The new program features a special Youth Membership option for those 25 years and younger. The youth membership will cost only \$5 per year and will include an electronic subscription to our monthly magazine.

The club is also announcing an Electronic Membership option, available to everyone, for \$18 per year and includes an electronic subscription to our monthly magazine. It is hoped this electronic membership option will make membership more accessible to potential members, especially those residing in foreign countries.

We continue to offer our regular membership, which receives a printed copy of our monthly magazine delivered by the post office, for \$36 per year (in the USA).



NTCA's monthly magazine is called "Talkin' Tokens" and is a great magazine for information on the hobby of token collecting. Talkin' Tokens typically contains mail auctions, token related cartoons, a maverick column, articles about tokens and columns on recent market activity of trade tokens.

Other than the delivery method of Talkin' Tokens, membership benefits are identical for all members. Each member can place a free 50 word classified ad each month, is able to list items for sale on NTCA's auction website (on the web: <http://auction.tokencatalog.com/>) and participate in NTCA elections.

NTCA also sponsors the National Token Show each year at various cities in the USA. In 2009 the national show was at Salt Lake City, Utah and in September 2010 the national show will be held in Fargo, North Dakota.

Questions or requests for membership applications to NTCA may be directed to Jerry Adams at RED13STARWOOD@YAHOO.COM or postal mail at Jerry Adams, 1425 Cat Mountain Trl., Keller, TX 76248.

On the web: www.tokencollectors.org

CARTS Membership and Dues: Membership in CARTS is open to anyone interested in the exnumia of the two Carolinas. Annual dues are \$10.00 and should be mailed to the treasurer, Bob King. Checks should be made payable to CARTS.

CARTSNEWS: CARTSNEWS, the newsletter of CARTS, is published four times per year in February, May, August, and November.

Advertising: Each member is encouraged to submit one classified ad per issue. These ads are free to members. Free ads should be no more than 50 words in length. No ads will be run continuously; a new ad must be submitted for each issue. The editor reserves the right to edit ads for length and any ad thought not to be in the best interest of the hobby will be rejected.

Paid advertising is also solicited. The rate per issue for paid ads is as follows. One quarter page \$3.00, one half page \$6.00, and full page \$11.00. Any paid advertising, along with payment, should be sent to the editor by the fifteenth of that month before the month of issue. So, for example, advertising copy for the May issue should be received by the editor by April 15. Camera ready copy will be accepted, but the editor will also compose ads from your rough copy if you desire. As with free advertising the editor may reject any ad thought not in the best interest of CARTS or the hobby at large.

